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Instructions for Experimental Propaganda Scrutiny

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1. It is desired that the Bureau proceed experimentally, within the limits of its present budget and facilities, with the scrutiny for purposes of propaganda analysis of [redacted] and to the extent possible of Czech and Slovak dailies and journals. It is hoped that the operation can get sufficiently under way to be examined during the Washington orientation from 13 to 21 October of [redacted] successor.
  2. Procedural instructions are forwarded herewith.

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3. Processing of Journals

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- a. Immediately on receipt wire file "Copy to RPB" a complete table of contents of both first and second priority journals.
  - b. Follow as soon as possible with a brief summary of each item and a fuller summary of the editorial from first priority journals only. Segregate any [ ] comments as editor's notes.  
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  - c. On request from Washington, or in rare cases of obvious importance FOIAB3B1 on [ ] initiative, file or airmail full text or excerpts of articles as required.
  - d. Maintain permanent files of all journal issues

4. Processing of Dailies

Wirefile material selected under the following criteria exhaustively from the Party daily and to the extent workload permits from second priority dailies:

- a. Avoid duplicating items filed from broadcast material by the [ ]  
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- b. Text politburo member articles and speeches.
- c. Text formal policy statements such as government notes and major Party and Government decrees. (a Ministry of Agriculture decree on sunflower seeds would not be classified major; a Party decree on the broad outlines of agricultural policy would.)
- d. Substantially summarize statements and articles by second-rank Party, Government and military leaders. (Attached listing of first- and second-rank Czechoslovak leaders is intended as a guide; it is not exhaustive. Please compile and forward a similar list for the GDR.)
- e. Summarize articles by leading Party theoreticians and top press commentators.  
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- f. Summarize editorials in the Party newspaper not adequately covered by the [ ] (A separate reference file of the [ ]  
25X1A7B [ ] versions of all Neues Deutschland and Rude Pravo editorials is suggested.) 25X1A7B
- g. Process routine propaganda items only with highest selectivity and lowest priority.
- h. Ignore economic material unless it has evident political implications.

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